MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : പുലയമഹാസഭയുടെ മന്തിലിഗ്രാന്റ് നാംകുന്നുപോലെ മറേതെങ്കിലും സമുദായ സംഘടനകൾക്കു ഗ്രാന്റു നൽകുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : I claim notice.

Holidays for educational Institutions.

136 *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Moovattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their list of general holidays in the State will apply to educational institutions; and

(*b*) whether 22nd Edavom 1117 which was a public holiday was a working day for Government schools?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, in the case of some schools, as it was not a compulsory holiday for all schools according to the Education Code.

Medical Inspection of school children.

137 *SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA : With reference to the question of medical inspection of school children, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, following such inspection any steps are taken to secure medical treatment for those children who are suffering from some ailment or other; and

(*b*) if so, what those steps are?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The pupils in whom defects have been noticed are directed to the nearest Government hospital or dispensary and treated by the medical officers on Saturdays and other public holidays except Sundays. Timely intimation regarding the defects in the case of each pupil is given to the guardian through the Head Master or Head Mistress of the School concerned with instructions to direct the pupil to the particular Hospital on specified dates.

Chavara Bridge.

138 *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of buses plying daily between Quilon and Alleppey;

(*b*) whether they are allowed to pass loaded over the Chavara Bridge; and

(*c*) how long it is since the bridge at Chavara became unsafe for heavy vehicular traffic?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) 15 buses.

15 buses have permits to run on the route. Besides this the timings of five buses which were under cancellation have now been recommended to Government for being restored.

(*b*) Heavy vehicles such as buses and lorries are allowed to pass the bridge only after unloading.

(*c*) The bridge has not been in a safe condition for heavy traffic since 3-7-1936.

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MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why it is not made fit for heavy traffic?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is safe for light traffic.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government have any objection to give up their monopoly on the routes where State Transport buses are run?

PRESIDENT: Yes, with the greatest pleasure. That means that there will be no transport business in Travancore. If at this moment Government give up the monopoly of State Transport, nobody will be able fo run any bus on the road.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: There are only a few roads on which these buses are run.

PRESIDENT: It may be possible for a few people to make the profit if they get a monopoly instead of the State. But after the first two months they will find that they will not get tyres unless of course they keep a man in Delhi in close touch with the War Supplies Department and the Political Department. Unless that is done they will not get tyres, petrol, spare parts, buses and extra buses. In these circumstances if anybody is willing to take up the monopoly, Government are willing to give it as a present.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: I put these questions not because I am interested in the motor bus business.

PRESIDENT: It is one of the elementary rules that nobody should put questions on a matter in which he is interested. When a member puts a question on a particular matter it naturally follows that he is not interested in that subject. If he is interested, he should not put questions on that matter

The State Transport Department.

139 ***SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of buses of the State Transport Department now plying;

(*b*) the number of buses purchased at and since the creation of the said Department;

(*c*) the number of buses which are available and are in good condition for use in the service;

(*d*) whether there have been orders of Government sanctioning increase of passengers' fares;

(*e*) whether the increase, if any, is only on petrol-run buses or also in those run with charcoal gas;

(*f*) whether there is any information before Government as to the number of instances and the length of time during which passengers are detained on the roads on account of break down of buses;

(*g*) whether the break down such as they are, occur only in buses running on charcoal gas or also in those run on petrol;

(*h*) whether the break down in the latter class of buses have been due to insufficient quantities of petrol in the tanks;

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